

each hour 105 pounds of material may be supplied from the dryer, ready to be processed by the molding machine.--

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 49 and 50 with the following:

-- A desiccant dryer process requiring 100 pounds throughput of material per hour requires a four hour lead time since such a desiccant dryer typically requires four hours to provide the first batch of material at acceptable dryness. In contrast, a dryer in accordance with the invention only needs 40 minutes to provide the first batch of material at acceptable dryness for startup of the molding operation. A further advantage afforded by the dryer in the preferred embodiment of the invention results from the use of three separate canisters in the heating, vacuum drying and material inventory positions 100, 102 104. This means that a new color may be introduced into the drying procedure while the preceding color or final batch of plastic resin material with the preceding colors is being dried and delivered. Hence, there is no interruption in operation of the dryer in order to change colors of the granular resin material being dried. In contrast, a conventional desiccant dryer would require four hours of down time in order to change the color of the granular plastic resin being dried.--

REMARKS

Applicant submits that all of the changes to the specification are grammatical and typographical in nature. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto as Attachment A is "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE". In addition, applicant also submits hereto as

Attachment B a clean copy of the specification with all of the changes
incorporated.

Applicant hereby requests an early action on the merits of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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